With the objective of bridging the gap between irrigation potential created and irrigation potential utilized, the Command Area Development Programme (CAD) was initiated in 1974 and subsequently restructured as Command Area Development and Water Management (CAD & WM) Programme during 2004. Due emphasis has been given on Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) and capacity building to users under this programme.

Ministry of Water Resources has also taken up a study through Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad, IIM Banagalore, IIM Calcutta and IIM Lucknow with a view to ascertain the reasons for the gap between the irrigation potential created and irrigation potential utilized and to identify the measures for reducing the gap.

Recharge of ground water

3842. SHRI A. ELAVARSAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects by Central Ground Water Board for artificial recharge of ground water during the Eleventh Plan, State-wise;

(b) the total fund allocation for this purpose; and

(c) the number of villages and small towns expected to be benefited under this scheme in the Eleventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) During the first year of Eleventh Plan, the Central Ground Water Board has implemented demonstrative artificial recharge projects in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu under the scheme with sanctioned cost of Rs. 594.75 lakh, as per details given hereunder:—

Sl.No.	State	No. of Schemes	Cost (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	Madhya Pradesh	2	148.95
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4	130.46
3.	Tamil Nadu	1	223.15
4.	Karnataka	1	92.19.
	TOTAL	8	594.75

Land erosion by Yamuna river

†3843. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the continuous land erosion being caused by various rivers in the country specially by river Yamuna during last three years;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check the land erosion being caused by river Yamuna; and

(c) whether financial assistance are provided to the States specially to Delhi during the above period to check such land erosion?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Erosion of river bed/banks is a natural phenomenon; which occurs in all alluvial rivers including river Yamuna. However, there is no report on land erosion by river yamuna during last three years.

Flood management including erosion control falls within the purview of the State Governments. Government of Delhi has not proposed any scheme to check land erosion caused by river Yamuna for financial assistance to the Union Government, in last three years.

Fund for major/medium irrigation projects

3844. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Water Resource Finance Corporation Ltd. has been incorporated under Companies Act of 1956 in March with an initial paid up capital of Rs. 100 crores contributed by the Central Government;

(b) whether through this Corporation the Centre intends to mobilize large resources that will be required to fund major and medium irrigation projects;

(c) whether States like Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat have taken up construction of large scale irrigation projects;

(d) whether this is in accordance with the anouncement made by the Finance Minister in his budget speech 2008-09 for long term financial assistance for irrigation water resources project; and

(e) to what extent the schemes have been started and results accrued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) (e) Yes, Sir. The Irrigation and Water Resources Finance Corporation Ltd. (IWRFC) has been incorporated on 29.03.2008 with an initial paid up capital of Rs. 100 crores contributed by the Central Government, in accordance with the Finance Minister's Budget Announcement 2008-09. The Corporation is in the process of obtaining requisite permissions for commencement of business.

Pricing policy on ground water

3845. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the management of water resources has become a crucial issue in India which faces enormous strain on natural resources on account of population explosion and improper planning and distribution, the Centre has decided to follow the Planning Commission's expert group report on ground water pricing policy;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has asked the Central Ground Water Development Board to carry out a study over the pricing of ground water; and

(c) if so, by when a final national policy is likely to be announced?